

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, and 24 to 27 are in the application, with Claims 24, 26, and 27 being independent. Claim 28 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 24, 26, and 27 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 5, and 24 to 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the personal interview conducted on February 16, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively indicated that the § 101 rejection would be overcome if Claim 28 were cancelled, and Claim 24, 26, and 27 were amended along the lines set forth above.

Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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